

I don't like my cable modem provider very much--but it's the only game in town, unlike my DSL service, which I have via Covad and my ISP rather than via my ILEC who could not be bothered to provide me with service!

It also took Comcast FOREVER to provide cable modem service to my area. I bet it would have happened a lot faster if there was serious competition.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.